Statement

District-wise details of Telecommunications facilities in Tribal areas of Tamil Nadu as on 30-11-94

Sl. No.	Items	Name of District			Total
		Salem	Dr. Ambedkar	Dharmapuri	
1.	No. of Telephone exchanges	7	1	1	9
2.	Switched capacity (lines)	792	80	56	928
3.	Direct Exchange Lines	671	55	23	749
4.	Village Public Telephones	27	16	10	53
5.	STD Stations	5	Nil	Nil	5
6.	Telex Connection	4	Nil	Nil	4
7.	Telegraph/combined office	27	16	10	53

Postal Services in Chhatisgarh and Raipur in Madhya Pradesh

1914. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans to improve Postal Services in Chhatisgarh and Raipur region in Madhya Pradesh during 1994-95;

(b) whether any new post offices are likely to be opened in Chhatisgarh and Raipur region during this year;

(c) whether it is a fact that many remote and interior areas in these regions are not properly served by postal department; and

(d) if so, the detailed measures/steps taken to improve postal services in the region of Chhatisgarh and Raipur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Raipur Head Post Office, Jabalpur Head Post Office, Raipur RMS, Jabalpur RMS and Jabalpur City sorting Office have been selected for operational upgradation and modernisation. Raipur Head Post Office has also been selected for modernisation of its counters and Post Office operations. Besides, twenty four (24) multi-purpose counter machines have been provided in seven Post Offices in Raipur and Chhatisgarh Regions.

(b) It is proposed to open 8 Post Offices in Chhatisgarh and Raipur Regions in Madhya Pradesh during 1994-95.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. All remote and interior areas are being served by the nearest existing Post Office. The postal network in rural areas is also being gradually expanded depending on the availability of resources/targets.

Postal Services in Kachh District in Gujarat

1915. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans to improve postal services in Kachh district in Gujarat during 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) whether any new post offices are likely to be opened in Kachh district during this year;

(c) whether it is fact that many interior areas in Kachh district are not properly served by postal department;

(d) if so, the steps/measures proposed to be taken to improve postal services in district of Kachh; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) It is proposed to instal five multipurpose computer based counter machines during 1994-95 and four during 1995-96 in Kachh district. Further, for improvement of postal services, it is planned to construct six departmental buildings in this area subject to availability of resources.

(b) to (e) No new post offices are proposed to be opened in Kachh District. The district is adequately served by post offices. At present 504 post offices including 435 extra departmental branch post offices are functioning in the district. The EDBOs serve the interior and remote areas of the district. A post office serves a population of 2645 persons in the district which is better than the national ratio.